

**Reply under 37 CFR §1.116 – Expedited Procedure – Technology Center 1617**

PATENT  
Docket No. 290.00420101

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	SHI et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	1617
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Serial No.:	09/438,206	)	Examiner:	San Ming R. Hui
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For:	METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING MAMMALIAN SPINAL CORD INJURIES			

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 20 November 2008, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendment submitted herewith. The amendment cancels claim 47-49 and does not raise new issues for search or examination. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment fully addresses the rejections remaining in the instant application and places the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."